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1. SUMMARY. RUSSELL TRIBUNAL HELD "DEMOCRATIC SPRING FESTIVAL"
IN STUTTGART MARCH 31 - APRIL 1. THERE WAS LITTLE PUBLICITY. IT
SEEMS NOT TO HAVE BEEN A RESOUNDING SUCCESS. END SUMMARY.
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2. SPONSORS OF THE "RUSSELL TRIBUNAL" ORGANIZED A "DEMOCRATIC
SPRING FESTIVAL" IN STUTTGART MARCH 31 - APRIL 2, WHICH THE LOCAL
AUTHORITIES PRIVATELY DISMISSED AS "HALF CIRCUS, HALF SPEECHMAKING"
THAT DIDN'T DRAW A LARGE CROWD. HOWEVER, THE AUTHORITIES'
ESTIMATE OF ATTENDANCE AS LIMITED TO A FEW HUNDRED CONFLICTS WITH
THE LONE PRESS ACCOUNT (IN THE STUTTGARTER NACHRICHTEN) REPORTING

THAT ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 2 AS MANY AS 2,000 PERSONS ATTENDED. THE "FESTIVAL" WAS HELD IN A LARGE TENT IN A SUBURB OF STUTTGART AFTER PERMISSION WAS REFUSED TO HOLD THE MEETING IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY; SO ATTENDANCE MAY WELL HAVE BEEN AS LARGE AS THE NACHRICHTEN REPORTED, THOUGH IT IS LIKELY THAT SUNDAY STROLLERS AND CURIOSITY SEEKERS -- ALSO ATTRACTED BY ROCK AND FOLK MUSIC OFFERINGS AT THE "FESTIVAL" THAT DAY -- CONSIDERABLY SWELLED THE RANKS OF THE DEDICATED WHO WENT TO BE MOVED BY THE "RUSSELLITES'" ORATORY.

3. ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 31 THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ON THE THEME "THE FRG--LARGEST DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD" (DIE BRD, GROESSTE DEMOKRATIE DER WELT), ATTENDED BY SOME 400 PERSONS INCLUDING, SAID THE NACHRICHTEN, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YOUNG SOCIALISTS, THE SOCIALISTIC YOUTH OF GERMANY (DIE FALKEN) AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 2, THE MAIN SPEAKERS WERE INGEBORG DREWITZ, DEPUTY FEDERAL CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GERMAN AUTHORS, AND LUCIO LOMBARDO RADICE OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. DREWITZ FOCUSED HER REMARKS ON THE ALLEGED PROHIBITION OF CONDUCT OF PROFESSIONS (BERUFSVERBOTE), CITING CASES IN WHICH SHE CLAIMED FEAR AND PRESSURE TACTICS HAD BEEN USED IN THE FRG TO PREVENT "RADICALS" FROM ASPIRING TO CERTAIN POSITIONS, NOTABLY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE. RADICE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WHAT HE CONSIDERED WAS INCREASING DISREGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN FRG. BOTH DREWITZ AND RADICE, ACCORDING TO NACHRICHTEN, CLAIMED "RUSSELL TRIBUNAL" HAD HAD DEFINITE IMPACT ON THINKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHIN SPD.

4. COMMENT: ONLY ADVANCE PUBLICITY OF WHICH WE WERE/ARE AWARE THAT WAS GIVEN TO RUSSELL TRIBUNAL'S STUTTGART "FESTIVAL" CONSISTED OF A FEW HANDBILLS POSTED DISCREETLY IN SOME WINDOWS IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY. THERE WAS NO ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PRESS, AND THE ASSURANCE WITH WHICH LOCAL AUTHORITIES (LAND OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION) TOLD US THE DAY AFTER THE MEETING THAT "THERE WILL BE NOTHING IN THE PRESS" SUGGESTS THAT AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE MADE EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE PRESS FROM PUBLICIZING RUSSELL TRIBUNAL'S PROPAGANDIZING IN THE STUTTGART REGION. STUTTGARTER NACHRICHTEN FILED ITS LONE REPORT ANYWAY. ON BALANCE, AND DESPITE THE SUNDAY TURNOUT THE "FESTIVAL" DREW, IT WOULD NOT SEEM THAT THE RUSSELL TRIBUNAL'S ROAD SHOW MET WITH AN ESPECIALLY RESOUNDING SUCCESS IN STUTTGART. MILLER

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